27th July 1953]

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) Proposals for additional staff have been received recently from the Chief Engineer and are under the consideration of the Government."

Famine conditions in Pudukkottai subdivision.

*1141 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations were made in November and December 1952, and January 1953 by the member for Pudukkottai constituency to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue regarding the deteriorating economic and famine conditions in Pudukkottai subdivision of Tiruchirappalli district;

(b) what were the steps taken on such representations;

(c) whether the Tamil Nad Congress Committee President has made representations regarding famine conditions in the above Pudukkottai area;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) what action the Government have taken on the representations of the President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Representations made by the Member for Pudukottai constituency in December 1952 and January 1953 regarding the deteriorating economic and famine conditions in Pudukottai subdivision of Tiruchirappalli district were received by the Government. The representation said to have been made by the hon. Member in November 1952 was not however received.

" (b) In Kolathur and Tirumayam taluks, 44 Minor Irrigation Works amounting to Rs. 1,37,655 have been sanctioned. Action was taken by the Collector for the supply of sufficient qauntity of milo and jower to Pudukottai division. Collection of kist was postponed till the end of March 1953 in Kolathur and Thirumayam taluks and the Collector was also directed not to take coercive steps for the collection of the arrears relating to fasli 1361 and also arrears of loans in the affected areas till March 1953. The Government did not consider it necessary to postpone the collection of kist in Alangudi taluk as requested by the Member in his representation, dated 28th January 1953. Land Revenue remission has also since been granted in the affected areas in Pudukottai Division.

" (c) No representation from the President, Tamil Nad Congress Committee regarding famine condition in Pudukottai area has been received by the Government.

" (d) & (e) Do not arise."